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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Paul L. Hickman

APPLICATION NO.: 09/631,424

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FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ACCESSING A WIDE AREA NETWORK**

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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks as a preliminary amendment.

In the Claims:

Sub E 1. (thrice amended) A voice web browser system comprising:

a plurality of touch-tone telephones capable of producing DTMF signals;

a remote access system coupled to a TCP/IP network, said TCP/IP network comprising a plurality of nodes, said TCP/IP network providing access to web pages stored on computer systems coupled to said TCP/IP network, said web pages comprising HTML code that can be transmitted via TCP/IP packets to said access system over said TCP/IP network, said access system being able to receive said TCP/IP packets and to parse said HTML code into text and non-text portions;